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SUMMARY: This IMI (International Marketing Insight) reports on **draft and final technical regulations and standards – NOMs and NMXs - issued by the Mexican Government, during the period August 16 to 31, 2005.** Five different lists are included to assist U.S. exporters, companies, and other parties, interested in:

1. Draft technical regulations (NOMs) that are still in the comment period.
2. Technical regulations (NOMs) that have been published in final form as well as responses to comments on draft technical regulations.
3. Draft standards (NMXs), which comment period is still open.
4. Enacted standards (NMXs).
5. Cancelled technical regulations and standards.

BACKGROUND: All goods and products imported into Mexico must comply with any applicable technical regulations and labeling requirements. Applicable technical regulations and labeling requirements are listed by harmonized tariff system (HS or HTS) code. The Mexican Government publishes technical regulations and standards, through the Diario Oficial de la Federacion (Official Gazette) - the Mexican equivalent of the US Federal Register. Technical regulations are published in the form of a Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM) (Literally *Official Mexican Standard*), or a Proyecto de Norma Oficial Mexicana (*Draft Technical Regulation*). The minimum comment period for draft technical regulation is 60 days. During the comment period the public, businesses, or any interested party can submit comments to the address specified in the text of the draft technical regulation. Comments must be submitted in Spanish and be received no later than the closing date listed in the text of the Proyecto.

The full text of draft and enacted NOMs and some NMXs is available at the library of the Direccion General de Normas (DGN) (Mexican Bureau of Standards), which is part of the Secretaria de Economia (Secretariat of Economy), or at DGN's web page. The DGN web page can be reached at www.economia-noms.gob.mx. Go to the 'Normatividad Empresarial' tab and then to the 'Normas' section. Within the Normas section go to the 'Catalogo de Normas' to search for draft and enacted technical regulations and standards. For some NMXs standards, the text of draft is available at www.economia-nmx.gob.mx or else, directly from the standards development body that issued the draft standard. The most common include ANCE, NYCE, and ONNCCE. These three private sector voluntary standards developers have web pages of their own with contact information.

The web page addresses follow the format of www.{acronym of the body}.org.mx, for example, [\[www.ance.org.mx\]](http://www.ance.org.mx). Responses to comments received must be published in the Diario Oficial. The publication of responses to comments is a clear indication that the publication of the standard in its final form is imminent. If the Government decides to finalize the standard, it will be published as a NOM in the Diario Oficial. Private sector standards follow the same procedure and are identified with the NMX prefix. Voluntary NMX standards become mandatory when quoted or listed in NOMs. The Diario Oficial is available both in hard copy and electronically.

LISTS INCLUDED IN THIS DOCUMENT: Five different lists follow below to assist companies, and other interested parties, to be aware of the draft and final technical regulation issued by the Mexican Government during the period August 16 to 31, 2005:

1. The first is a list of the titles of **draft technical regulations (NOMs) that are still in the comment period.**

Notes:

- The title and short description are in Spanish, with an English translation.
- Interested parties are encouraged to submit comments on draft technical regulation directly to the entity or individual identified in the publication of the draft NOM.

2. The second list reports the titles of the **technical regulations (NOMs) that have been published in final form as well as responses to comments on draft technical regulation.**

Note:

- The title and short description are in Spanish with an English translation.

3. The third is a list of **draft standards (NMXs), which comment period is still open.**

Note:

- Because of time and human resources constraints, only the titles/NMX and codes are presented in Spanish and English, without description. More detailed information is accessible at www.economia-nmx.gob.mx

4. The fourth is a list of the **enacted standards (NMXs).**

Note:

- Because of time and human resources constraints, only the titles/NMX and codes are presented in Spanish and English, without description. More detailed information is accessible at www.economia-nmx.gob.mx

5. The fifth is a list of **cancelled technical regulations and standards.**

Notes:

- Remember that although (NMXs) are voluntary, they become mandatory when referred to in technical regulations (NOMs), which are always mandatory.
- In order to improve the timeliness of this report, the scope of the information has been changed to 15 days.

1. Draft Technical Regulations (NOM) Published - August 16 to 31, 2005

Proyectos de Norma **(Comment period still open)**

Unless otherwise noted, the comment period for these draft technical regulations is 60 calendar days from the date of publication. Unofficial translations of titles have been provided to aid the reader as appropriate.

Date	Description
31-AUG-2005	Proyecto de Norma Oficial Mexicana PROY-NOM-050-PESC-2004, Pesca responsable en el embalse del Lago de Tecocomulco en el Estado de Hidalgo. Especificaciones para el aprovechamiento de los recursos pesqueros Draft Technical Regulation PROY-NOM-050-PESC-2004, Responsible fishing in the dam for Lake Tecomulco in the State of Hidalgo. Specifications for the exploitation of the fishing resources

2. Technical Regulations (NOM) Issued and Response to Comments

August 16 to 31, 2005

NOMs Emitidas y Respuestas a Comentarios

Date	Description
	No Technical Regulations were published during this period of time

16-AUG-2005	<p>Respuesta a los comentarios recibidos respecto del Proyecto de Norma Oficial Mexicana PROY-NOM-058-SCFI-2004, Productos eléctricos-Balastros para lámparas de descarga eléctrica en gas-Especificaciones de seguridad, publicado el 18 de marzo de 2005</p> <p>Responses to comments received about the Draft Technical Regulation PROY-NOM-NOM-058-SCFI-2004, Electric products - Ballasts for lamps with electric discharge on gas - Safety specifications, published on March 18, 2005</p>
24-AUG-2005	<p>Respuestas a los comentarios recibidos durante la consulta pública del Proyecto de Norma Oficial Mexicana PROY-NOM-042-SEMARNAT-2003, Que establece los límites máximos permisibles de emisión de hidrocarburos no metano, monóxido de carbono, óxidos de nitrógeno y partículas provenientes del escape de los vehículos automotores nuevos cuyo peso bruto vehicular no exceda los 3,857 kilogramos, que usan gasolina, gas licuado de petróleo, gas natural y diesel, así como las emisiones de hidrocarburos evaporativos provenientes del sistema de combustible de dichos vehículos</p> <p>Responses to comments received about the Draft Technical Regulation PROY-NOM PROY-NOM-042-SEMARNAT-2003, That establishes the maximum emission limits permissible of non-methane hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and particles expelled by new motor vehicles whose gross vehicular weight does not exceed 3,877 kg (8,547 lbs), that use gasoline, liquefied petroleum gas, natural gas, and diesel, as well as the evaporative hydrocarbons coming from the fuel system of these vehicles</p>
24-AUG-2005	<p>Respuestas a los comentarios recibidos respecto del Proyecto de Modificación a la Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-006-SSA2-1993, Para la prevención y control de la tuberculosis en el primer nivel de atención primaria a la salud, publicado el 2 de septiembre de 2004</p> <p>Responses to comments received about the Draft Technical Regulation PROY-NOM-006-SSA2-1993, For the prevention and control of the tuberculosis in the first level of primary health care, published on September 2, 2004</p>
26-AUG-2005	<p>Respuestas a los comentarios y modificaciones efectuadas al Proyecto de Norma Oficial Mexicana PROY-NOM-146-SEMARNAT-2005, Que establece la metodología para la elaboración de planos que permitan la ubicación cartográfica de la zona federal marítimo terrestre y terrenos ganados al mar que se soliciten en concesión, publicado el 25 de febrero de 2005</p> <p>Responses to comments received about the Draft Technical Regulation PROY-NOM-146-SEMARNAT-2005, That establishes the methodology for the elaboration of charts that allow the cartographic location of the marine-terrestrial federal zone and terrain taken to the sea, which are asked for in concession, published on the February 25, 2005</p>

29-AUG-2005	<p>Respuestas a los comentarios recibidos respecto del Proyecto de Norma Oficial Mexicana PROY-NOM-040-SSA2-2003, En materia de información en salud, publicado el 8 de marzo de 2004</p> <p>Responses to comments received about the Draft Technical Regulation PROY-NOM-040-SSA2-2003, In the matter of information in health, published on March 8, 2004</p>
29-AUG-2005	<p>Respuestas a los comentarios recibidos respecto del Proyecto de Modificación a la Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-158-SSA1-1996, Salud ambiental. Especificaciones técnicas para equipos de diagnóstico médico con rayos X, publicado el 21 de agosto de 2003</p> <p>Responses to comments received about the Draft Technical Regulation PROY-NOM-158-SSA1-1996, Environmental health. Technical specifications for medical X-ray diagnostic equipment, published on August 21, 2003</p>
29-AUG-2005	<p>Respuestas a los comentarios recibidos respecto del Proyecto de Norma Oficial Mexicana PROY-NOM-229-SSA1-2002, Salud ambiental. Responsabilidades sanitarias y protección radiológica en establecimientos de diagnóstico médico con rayos X, publicado el 27 de enero de 2004</p> <p>Responses to comments received about the Draft Technical Regulation PROY-NOM-229-SSA1-2002, Sanitary responsibilities and radiological safety in medical X-ray diagnosis establishments, published on January 27, 2004</p>

3. Draft Voluntary (NMX) Standards Published - August 16 to 31, 2005

Aviso de consulta publica (Comment period still open)

Please note - in the case of Voluntary (NMX) Standards, only the titles are presented in Spanish and English without description, due to time and human resources constraints.

Date	Description
16-AUG-2005	<p>Aviso de consulta pública de los proyectos de normas mexicanas PROY-NMX-F-711-COFOCALEC-2005, PROY-NMX-F-712-COFOCALEC-2005 y PROY-NMX-F-714-COFOCALEC-2005</p> <p>Notice of public consultation of the Draft Standards PROY-NMX-F-711-COFOCALEC-2005, PROY-NMX-F-712-COFOCALEC-2005 and PROY-NMX-F-714-COFOCALEC-2005</p>

4. Enacted Voluntary (NMX) Standards - August 16 to 31, 2005

Declaratoria de vigencia de NMXs

Please note - in the case of Voluntary (NMX) Standards, only the titles are presented in Spanish and English without description, due to time and human resources constraints.

Date	Description
	No voluntary standards were enacted during this period of time

5. Cancelled Technical Regulations and Standards - August 16 to 31, 2005
Normas Canceladas

Date	Description
	No Technical Regulations or Standards were cancelled during this period of time

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